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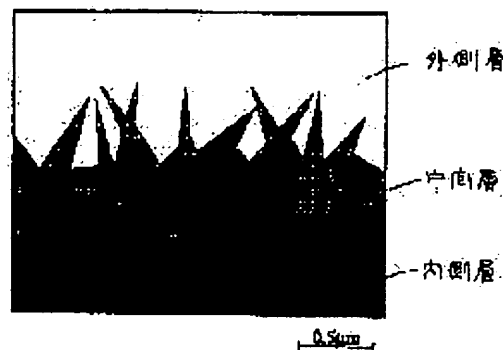
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**(54) SURFACE COATED CEMENTED CARBIDE-MADE CUTTING TOOL EXCELLENT IN PITCHING RESISTANCE****(57)Abstract:**

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To provide a surface coated cemented carbide cutting tool excellent in pitching resistance.

**SOLUTION:** This cutting tool is constituted so that a hard coating layer composed of an inside layer composed of one kind of single layer or two or more kinds of plural layers among a TiC layer, a TiN layer and a TiCN layer, an intermediate layer composed of a TiCO layer and/or a TiCNO layer and an outside layer composed of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is formed in an average layer thickness of 5 to 20μm on a surface of a WC group cemented carbide base body. In this case, an interface part with an Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> layer in the intermediate layer is formed as a sharpened needle crystal structure.

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